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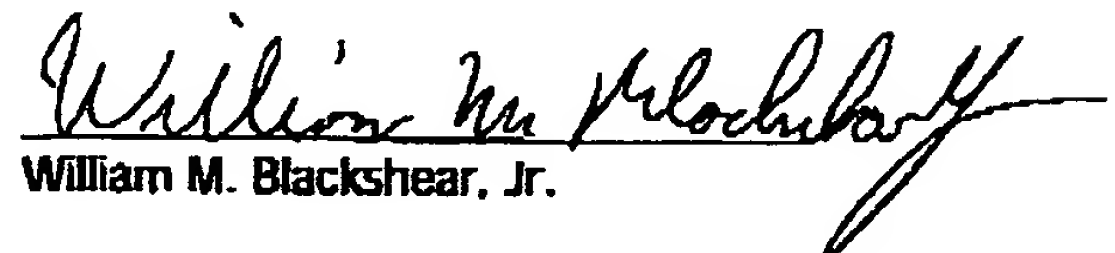


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William M. Blackshear, Jr. being duly sworn deposes and says that he is one of the inventors who, on June 27, 2001, filed the above-identified application; that they completed their invention and disclosed the same to others in this country prior to October 1, 2000, more than one (1) year before the filing date of the application from which Patent No. 6,699,193 matured; a photo-static copy of which is attached hereto; that he does not know and does not believe that the invention had been in public use or on sale in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or any foreign country for more than one year prior to their application, and they have never abandoned their invention.


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